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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Assignee's agent thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on November 23, 2007. During the interview, a prior art reference was discussed, and the undersigned practitioner gave permission for the Examiner's amendment presented in the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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